

HOUSE RESOLUTION 182

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Cocke County 2007 Relay for Life Celebration event to benefit cancer research.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary organizations and their individual members, who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, the honorable participants in Cocke County's 2007 Relay for Life Celebration event, held May 18 and May 19 of this year, are such remarkable public servants and are dedicated to raising money for the American Cancer Society to benefit cancer research; and

WHEREAS, this year's event began with the second annual Torch of Hope run with the final segment of the race run by Sarah Peak and Carrie Webb, Cocke County High School seniors who have both lost loved ones to cancer; and

WHEREAS, fundraising efforts for the 2007 Relay for Life Celebration began in January of 2007, with participants raising \$111,000 thus far, exceeding their original goal of \$35,000; and

WHEREAS, the Relay for Life Celebration event included two car shows, beauty pageants, field events, a silent auction, and fireworks; and

WHEREAS, this year's estimable co-chairs are Jennifer Smith-Eisenhower and Jennifer Wallin-Young, who received outstanding support from leaders Jennifer Howard, Tina Kilgore, Sandy Webb, Sarah Peak, Freddie Campbell, Jeff Williamson, Barbie Byrd, Julie Mason, and Duay O'Neil; and

WHEREAS, the Cocke County Relay for Life Celebration event is truly a wonderful event and a catalyst for positive change in our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the participants in the Cocke County 2007 Relay for Life Celebration event are concerned people whose willingness to help those in need knows no bounds; they are committed to the highest ideals of public welfare and public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend the Cocke County 2007 Relay for Life Celebration event and its organizers for their dedication to the American Cancer Society and cancer research, even as we salute their unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.